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DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed 04/7/05 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. Regarding the appellant's request for reopening prosecution, because there is no new ground of rejection in the examiner's answer and none of the references are newly cited, reopening prosecution is not necessary. In addition, because the file was misplaced and was not forwarded to the examiner until 2/16/05 for corrective action and an appeal conference had to be scheduled after the examiner received the file, the examiner's answer could not be sent to the appellant before the aforementioned date.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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